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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 20106

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (LESTER WOLFF)

SUBJ: CODEL WOLFF

REF: A) STATE 275371 B) BKK 19784 C) STATE 279661

1. ON DECEMBER 24, MISSION OFFICER INFORMED POLICE MAJOR GENERAL PHAO SARASIN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD (CNB), OF THE JANUARY 7-12 VISIT OF CODEL WOLFF. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S INTERESTS (REF. A AND REF. C) WERE OUTLINED IN GENERAL TERMS, AND GENERAL PHAO SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HELP BRIEF THE CONGRESSMEN AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE EMBASSY IN ARRANGING AN ITINERARY. OBVIOUSLY, GENERAL PHAO LATER REPORTED REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF'S PROPOSALS REGARDING HIS CONTACTS IN THAILAND TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S DECEMBER 26 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S PROPOSED MEETING WITH SHAN STATE LEADERS IN CHIANG MAI. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE PROPOSED MEETING WOULD CREATE SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA AND THE RTG. THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT WOULD LEARN THAT THESE CONTACTS HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THAI SOIL, AND THIS WOULD AGGRAVATE BURMESE SUSPICIONS ABOUT THAILAND'S RELATIONS WITH THE
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WITH BURMA. CHARUNPHAN SAID ALSO THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT CONGRESS-
MAN WOLFF WANTED TO SEE GENERAL LI OF THE CIF. IN REGARD TO THIS
POSSIBLE REQUEST, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THIS ALSO CREATED
SERIOUS PROBLEMS, AND HE REFERRED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE SUPREME
COMMAND FOR A MORE DETAILED OPINION IN VIEW OF SUPREME COMMAND'S
CLOSE MONITORING OF THE SITUATION IN NORTH THAILAND. WE WILL
DISCUSS THIS WITH SUPREME COMMAND DECEMBER 30.
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